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FIRE ISLAND INLET TO  
MONTAUK POINT –  
STORM DAMAGE  
REDUCTION PROJECT

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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The New York District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is undertaking a Reformulation Study of an extended flood hazard-prone corridor along the south shore of Long Island. The purpose of the ongoing Fire Island Inlet to Montauk Point (FIMP) Reformulation Study is to identify, evaluate and recommend long-term solutions for storm damage reduction for homes and businesses within the floodplain extending along 83-miles of ocean and bay shorelines from Fire Island Inlet to Montauk Point.

As part of this project, USACE has retained URS Corporation (URS) to undertake a Cultural Resource Historic Structural Survey of the project area. This historic resource survey, combined with earlier studies, will allow for the identification and evaluation of historic properties, the assessment of effects as related to multiple project alternatives, and the opportunity for ongoing consultation regarding alternatives which avoid, minimize or mitigate adverse effects to historic resources.

Using a combination of historic maps and state-of-the-art Geographic Information Systems (GIS) technology computer technology, historians from URS are undertaking a photographic inventory of approximately 1,600 older buildings and sites within the project area. The historians anticipate that the inventory will include a broad array of resources, including, but not limited to, historic landscapes, postwar subdivisions, duck farms and summer cottages. The inventory project is expected to last through February 2004.

This inventory project will be utilized in an Environmental Impact Statement for the FIMP Project, in which the Corps will analyze and take into consideration a variety of potential social, environmental and cultural resource impacts associated with multiple hazard reduction techniques. The data from this inventory project will assist the Corps in acting as a responsible steward of historic resources.

The project will also create a study list of properties potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, in addition to updating information about properties, which have already been listed. The National Register of Places is an honorific designation that carries no restrictions on private actions.

The Corps is interested in hearing from local residents regarding historic resources. Local residents are encouraged to visit the Corps website at <http://www.nan.usace.army.mil/fimp/index.htm> for more information on the historic resource inventory and the FIMP Project.

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